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Lago Sets New Safety Record

Over Two Million Man Hours Piled Up Without Accident

A new all-time safety record was set by employees here on January 10 when Lago reached 43 days and 2,000,000 man hours without a single disabling injury. This record is comparable to the best achieved by any operation of the Standard Oil Co. (N.J.), either foreign or domestic.

Based on the average number of disabling accidents which occurred during any similar period in 1947, this means that from 10 to 12 persons escaped any disabling injury during this record-breaking period. And it is especially outstanding in an industrial plant such as Lago, where refining, acid making, ship repair work, construction, and numerous activities not usually connected with an oil refinery are involved.

The new record, begun on November 29, surpasses the previous Lago safety record of 1,422,174 man hours without a disabling injury, a record covering the period between May 11 and June 19, 1940. This record was broken on December 28.

Prior to 1940, Lago's safety record covered a period of 56 days without a disabling injury, from January 19 to March 16, 1936, a total of 1,184,512 safe man hours.

The present record of 2,000,000 safe man hours in 43 days is based on the November, 1947 average of 47,573 man hours per day for Lago's employees.

This outstanding record reflects great credit on employees and supervisors alike. Such an achievement is possible only as long as every one of the 7,800 employees is always conscious of the extreme importance of working safely.

Record Nobo di Seguridad di Lago su Empleadonan

Empleadonan a alcanzá un record nobo di Seguridad dia 10 di Januari ora cu Lago a completá 43 dia y 2,000,000 ora di trabao sin un accidente cu pérdida di tempo. E record aki ta di mihor, compará cu esnan di tur operacionnan di Standard Oil, tanto na Merca como na e stranheria.

Basá riba cantidad promedio di accidentenan cu a socede durante e mesun periodo na 1947, esaki ta muestra cu 10 a 12 hende a scapa di un desgracia durante e periodo aki. Y ta algo masha particular pa un planta industrial manera Lago, unda tin refinamento, trahamento di ácido, reparacion di vapornan, construccion y cantidad di otro actividadnan cu no ta conectá directamente cu un refinaria.

E record nobo cu a cuminsa dia 29 di November ta pasa e record anterior di Lago di 1,422,174 ora di trabao sin un accidente, durante e periodo di Mei 11 te Juni 19, 1940.

Tanto empleadonan como hefenan merece elogio pa es record magnifico. Solamente ora cu cada empleado ta tene na tino importancia imenso di trahamento cu Seguridad ta posibel pa realizá algo asina.



TO OUR EMPLOYEES:

Some of our employees have inquired what is the Company's attitude on the question of Aruba's separation from Curaçao. Their concern has been aroused by statements made by non-employees to the effect that the Lago Oil & Transport Company has no objection to Aruba's separation from Curaçao.

In the first place, we want to assure our employees that nobody has been authorized to use the Company's name in connection with this subject. This is a political question. As a matter of general policy the Company, because it is a foreign corporation, expresses no opinion on any local political questions.

Several of our officials have been asked to express their opinion on the question of Aruba's separation. In each case the official concerned has replied that he cannot make any statement nor express any opinion even as an individual. This is the only way the Company can maintain its position of strict neutrality on a political question.

Therefore, our employees are assured that if the Company's name is used in such a way as to indicate we are for or against this separation, this will have been done without our permission or authority and moreover, because of the strictly neutral position we have maintained and will maintain, such use of our name will have no significance.

J. J. Horigan, President
Lago Oil & Transport Co., Ltd.

Hospital Announces Organization Change; New Clinics Scheduled

The hospital division of the Medical Department will alter its organization plan on February 1, 1948, so as to establish three distinct medical services: The Division of Internal Medicine, The Division of Surgery, and The Division of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Each division will be in charge of a specialist in

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Marine Manager Made Director

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Lago Oil & Transport Co. Ltd., held December 31, 1947, G. H. Jett was elected a director. Mr. Jett is also Manager of the Marine Department. He replaces J. W. Woodward, who died August 7, 1947, on the Board of Directors.

The directors of the Company include T. C. Brown, J. J. Horigan, C. E. Lanning, O. S. Mingus, and G. H. Jett.

The officers are J. J. Horigan, president; C. E. Lanning, vice-president; T. C. Brown, secretary and treasurer; D. R. Brewer, assistant secretary, and E. G. Collade, assistant treasurer.

Increased Educational Refunds Are Announced

The Company has recently announced an increase in its Educational Refund Plan, raising the portion it pays on educational courses taken by employees from one-half to two-thirds of the cost involved. This increase went into effect on January 1, 1948 and is not retroactive.

The purpose of the Plan is to provide financial assistance to all eligible employees who desire to enroll in approved educational institutions for courses which will better fit them for their work. The Plan requires the initial payment of all tuition fees and course expenses by the employee; following the successful completion of the course with a grade of C or better, the employee is reimbursed two-thirds of the cost.

Before enrolling for any course under this Plan, the employee must first submit an application form to the Training Division. Detailed information regarding acceptable correspondence courses and procedure for enrolling may also be obtained from the Training Division.

The Educational Refund Plan applies only to courses having a bearing on the immediate work of the employee, or upon work to which he will transfer or progress in the near future. Incidental required courses in a regular degree curriculum which meet this requirement will, however, be approved. Refunds apply only to the payment of tuition, registration and other regular instruction fees.

Programa Nobo di Tayer A Cuminsa Pa Aprendiznan

Como parti di extension di programa pa entrenamiento di aprendiznan, Training Division a cuminsa cu un programa nobo di tayer pa e mucha-hombenan cu ta den nan promé anja di entrenamiento. Cu obheto di duna nan experiencia práctico den e cuater oficianan básico, e programa aki ta pa explorá habilidad di cada aprendiz; e mucha ta sinja e oficio pa cual e ta sinti mas y Compañia ta sa den cual departamento mester pone pa e por presta mas segun su habilidad y sinjanza.

Segun e plan nobo e aprendiz ta den klas mitar dia pa studia Ingles y Reekmento. Sobra di tempo e ta pasa den tayer, unda e ta haya instruccion básico di cada ofishi. E ta troca di un tayer pa otro despues di cada tres luna.

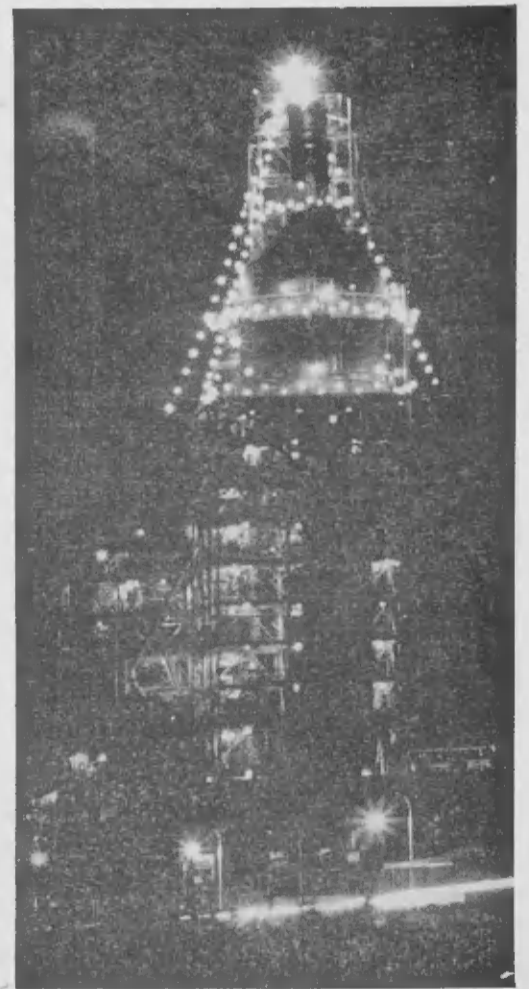
E tayernan te keda p'abao di Edificio di Entrenamiento, den dos barak cu durante di guerra tabata di Marina Americana. Un di e baraknan ta contené machine shop y electric shop y e otro carpenter shop y tin shop. Instructornan ta Rafael Wever, Henry Lancaster, Franklin Kersout y Juan Thysen, respectivamente.

Cada aprendiz tin su mes set di instrumentonan, pa cual e ta responsabel. E no ta sinja solamente uso correcto di varios instrumentonan, pero tambe método correcto pa cuida nan.

Instrumentonan menos usabel y material ta wardá apart y aprendiznan por usa nan ki ora cu ta necesario. Pero e set cu cada aprendiz ta haya ta completo y ta contene casi tur instrumentonan cu

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5 World's Biggest?



It could be the world's biggest Christmas tree, and until someone proves differently, we'll figure it is. With several hundred colored bulbs in the strings and also replacing the white lights all over the unit, Lago's huge symbol of Christmas stands 244 feet high to the tip of its ten-foot star, and was visible 27 miles out to sea. Benny di Murro and the electricians in the High Octane electrical area were responsible for the Cat Plant decoration.

Probablemente esaki ta e kerstboom mas grandi di mundo. Cu algun cien pera di color, Lago su simbolo inenso di Pascu tin un altura di 244 pia y tabata visibel riba laman na un distancia di 27 milla. Empleadonan di High Octane Electrical a percurá pa dornamento di Cat Plant.



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You can give yourself and your family extra protection
from any kind of accident by making — and keeping — this
New Year's Resolution:

I will be a safe worker and a careful driver.

I will keep my home free from hazards and will
teach my family to follow safe ways.

I will support the safety work in my community.

This pledge is as good as the man who makes it.
An accident waits for the man who breaks it.

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Apprentices Start New Shop Program

As a part of its expanded apprentice training program, the Training Division last month started a new shop program for its first-year boys. Created to give them practical working experience in four basic crafts, the program is primarily of an exploratory nature; the apprentice learns the particular craft for which his ability and skill best fit him and the company learns in which department he should be placed so as to make the greatest use of his knowledge and skill.

Under the new plan the apprentice spends half of each day in the classroom studying such subjects as English and arithmetic. The remainder of his day is spent in the shop, where he is instructed in the basic skills of each particular trade. He rotates from one shop to the other, spending three months in each.

The shops are located west of the Training Building, in the two former barracks used by the U.S. Navy during the war. One building houses the machine shop (Rafael Wever, instructor) and the electric shop (Henry Lancaster, instructor). The other contains the carpenter shop and the sheet metal shop, in which Franklin Kersout and Juan Thyssen, respectively, are the instructors.

Each apprentice is issued his own set of tools, for which he is responsible. Not only does he learn from the beginning the correct use of the various tools, but he is also taught the proper method of caring for them as well.

Lesser-used tools and materials are kept in the tool crib, where they are drawn out whenever needed. However, the individual set which is issued to each apprentice is complete and contains most of the basic tools which he will use in the course. In the electrical shop, for instance, each student has the following tools: dive brush, safety goggles, rule, hammer, cold chisel, side cutter pliers, long nose pliers, diagonal pliers, 6" screw driver, 3" screw driver, 14" pipe wrench, star drill, Ackerman and Johnson punch, file, file handle, hack saw, 200-watt soldering iron and dipping pot.

In the early stages of his training the apprentice is assigned simple problems intended to teach him the use of his tools. Closely supervised by his instructor, he soon becomes familiar with his tools and the various uses of them. Later, however, as he begins to acquire some proficiency in the use of the tools.

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e tin mester durante henter e curso.

Durante promé tempo di su entrenamiento e aprendiz ta haya problema simple pa e sinja usa e instrumentonan. Bao di supervision di su instructor pronto e ta custumá cu moda di usa cada instrumento. Un di e puntonan principal di e curso ta seguridad y hopi tempo ta worde dedicá pa sinja e muchanan practica seguridad na nan trabao.

Ademas di trabao den tayer, e muchanan ta haci 16 bishita na diferente lugarnan den refinaria. Esaki ta pa nan haya un idea com nan job lo por ta, weitando otro empleadonan traha, y tambe pa nan haya un idea di refinaria en general.

Despues di un anja e aprendiz nan lo tin algun experiencia den e cuater oficionan y despues di es anja tanto ta e aprendiz como su instructor lo tin un mihor idea pa cual oficio e ta mas habil. Asina pues pa medio di e cuater cursonan, e aprendiz lo por scohe e ofishi pa cual e a sinti mas.

Y aunque e no tuma un di e cuater ofishinan, toch el a haya entrenamiento y experiencia cu lo ta di beneficio pa semper. Lo e tin un conocimiento básico di electricidad, carpinteria, trabao di metal y machine, cual conocimiento lo e por probega tur semper, aunque sea haciendo reparacionnan chikito na su mes cas.

Na fin di e curso di entrenamiento piezanan di trabao di mihor lo worde exhibi dia di graduacion.

SAFETY PAYS
Seguridad ta lo Miho



"I am tremendously gratified at the splendid safety record the employees of Lago have achieved. All of us deserve to feel justly proud of this outstanding record and I hope that each of us can continue to maintain this high standard of safety."

J. J. Hogan

"Mi ta masha contento cu e record espléndido di Seguridad cu empleadonan di Lago a alcanzá. Nos tur tin derecho di sinti nos orguyoso di es record aki y mi ta spera cu cada un di nos lo sigui practica Seguridad."

The radio raffled by the Santa Cruz Social Club December 18 is still unclaimed. Number 445 was the winning number.

FOR SALE or exchange: "Pool" (pocket billiards) table; wanted instead, a "Carambole" (French billiards) table. Aruba Esso News Box 24.

From De Curaçoesche Bank, Willemstad:

The obligation for registration and surrender of securities in the Curaçao Territory must be effected within a time limit to be stipulated at a later date, however, beginning December 15, 1947. The registration shall be limited to Netherlands securities; Curaçao and foreign securities need not be registered.

The Pearl of Aruba Lodge No. 11314 of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America and its Jurisdiction was honored December 19 with a visit from Past Grand Master Samuel Joseph of Palm Lodge St. Kitts and Brother Lionel Worrell of "Livesly Comet" Lodge Barbadoes.

The Pearl of Aruba Lodge always appreciates visits from visiting brothers and all Odd Fellows of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows who wish to get in contact with Pearl of Aruba are welcomed to see the Permanent Secretary, Brother Robert E. A. Martin at No. 127, new H.B.F. section, San Nicolas.



Something new added: George Rike, right, joined Lago a few days before Christmas, as assistant editor of the ARUBA ESSO NEWS. He is trained in journalism, and has had experience on a U.S. Army paper during the war, and on a daily paper before the war.

Looking Backward . . .

When ex-students of the Julianaschool pass in the Wilhelminastraat in Oranjestad these days, they get a little sad, when they see the open space that used to be the Government Guesthouse "Passant Graham". This typical Aruban building had to come down, probably to make place for something modern and streamlined.

Of most of the ex-students of the Julianaschool it can be said that memories of their youth and schooldays are linked with "Passant Graham", or rather with the big tamarind-trees in front of it.

Many of them often had to undergo punishment for running away from school, or throwing stones, which often went in the wrong direction and instead of hitting the bull's eye of fat brown tamarinds, would go through an open window or even worse would encounter in their course, glass, ever so fragile, with fatal consequences.

Now all these naughty kids are grown men and surely they don't understand just what made them want those fruits so badly, but many of them wish they could come back, those wonderful care-free years, when a handful of tamarinds meant a whole world.

Modern buildings pop out everywhere, beautifying the Aruban capital a great deal, but now and then sentimentality rises, and surpasses, for the moment, the desire to advance and progress.....

Ex-estudiantenan di Julianaschool ta sinti un sorto di duele ora cu nan pasa den Wilhelminastraat ultimamente. E motibo ta cu Passant Graham, un di e edificacionan típico di Aruba a worde tumbá, probablemente pa traha lugar pa otro edificio moderno.

Di mayoria di ex-estudiantenan di Julianaschool por bisa cu recuerdonan di nan hubentud y tempo di school tin di haci cu Passant Graham, of mihor bisá cu e palonan di tamarijn dilanti di e edificio bien-conoci.

Hopi di nan mester a wanta castigo pa via di huimento fo'i school, of tiramento di piedra, cu hopi bez ta desvia y enbez di raka es frutanen apeticí, ta pasa door di bentana, of peor ainda, ta yega na encuentro cu glas, semper tan fragil, y tur esaki cu consecucionan fatal.

Awor tur e muchanan maldito ta hombernan grandi y sigur nan lo no por comprende mas ta kico tabata pone nan desea es frutanen asina tanto, pero hopi di nan ta desea cu es anjanan feliz y sin preocupacion por a bolbe.

Edificionan moderno ta rijs tur caminda y ta haciendo capital di Aruba masha bunita, pero tin bez sentimentalismo ta crece pasa, aunque sea brevemente, nos deseonan pa adelanto y progreso.....

"Learn by doing", says an old adage. Lago's done this, by rotating, or moving regularly from one operation to another, with training actually on the job in addition to classroom instruction. Now, however, such practical training has become more effective, with the opening last month of the new Apprentice Shops for first-year boys. The pictures on this page (and story in the column at left) show how the new plan operates.

Na Ingles tin un proverbio cu ta bisa "Practicando bo ta yega na perfección". Lago su aprendiznan semper a haya oportunidad pa practicá, cambiando di departamento regularmente y hayando entrenamiento den práctica además di instrucción den klas. Luna pasá entrenamiento den práctica a bira mas efectivo cu' habrimento di shopnan di aprendiz pa e mucha-hombenan den nan promé anja di entrenamiento. E portretnan riba e página aki y e storia riba otro páginanan ta mustra com e plan ta traha.



Rafael Wever, instructor in the machine shop, demonstrates the correct method of checking the angles of a piece of metal to see that they are perfectly square. Working with a round piece of metal, the boys file it down into a square shape. Then, with a try-square, they check each side to see that the object is perfectly square.

Rafael Wever, instructor den machine shop ta demonstrá e método correcto pa check hukinan di un pida metal pa mira si nan ta perfectamente recto. E aprendiznan ta haya pida metal rondo y nan mester vellé haci cuadrá y despues nan mester check si e ta recto.



Although each apprentice is provided with a complete set of tools, there are occasions when he needs one of the lesser-used tools which are kept in the tool crib. Francisco Thiel, behind the counter, issues a hand drill to Luis Ydigoras.

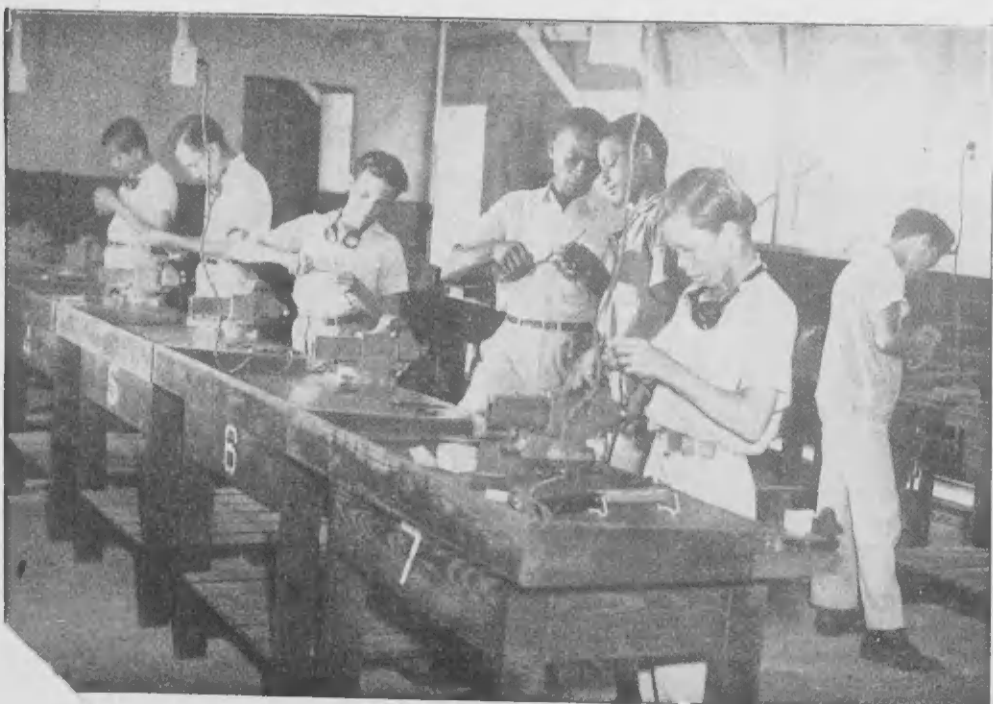
Aunque cada aprendiz tin su set di instrumentnan, tin bez un di nan tin mester di un pieza menos usable cu ta wardá apart. Aki riba Francisco Thiel ta entregá un drill na Luis Ydigoras.

With hammers and saws going all day, the carpenter shop is one of the noisest of the four Apprentice Shops. Albert Jones, Edwin Rodriguez and Jan Werleman (front to back) are busily engaged in perfecting their art with the saw.



Below, Henry Lancaster, instructor in the electrical shop, shows Tirso Felix how to make a pig-tail splice in a piece of wire. Others at work stripping the insulation off the wire before making the splice are, from left to right, Guillermo Arends, Francisco Thiel, Pedro Arends, Vicente Semeleer and, at far right, Bidente Figaro.

Aki bao Henry Lancaster, instructor den electrical shop ta mustra Tirso Felix com ta uni dos pida waya. Otronan preparando wayanan pa uni nan ta (di robex pa drechi) Guillermo Arends, Francisco Thiel, Pedro Arends, Vicente Semeleer y na banda drechi, Bidente Figaro.



Clemente Geerman (left) uses a large mallet to hammer a double seam in a piece of sheet metal and Benito Geerman (right) marks a piece of sheet metal before cutting it. Clemente Geerman (na banda robex) ta usa un martin grandi pa e plat un pida metal y Benito Geerman (na banda drechi) ta marka un pida metal promé cu e corté.

Cu batimento di martin y zaagmento henter dia, carpenter shop ta un di e shopnan di mas boroto di e cuater shopnan di aprendiznan. Albert Jones, Edwin Rodriguez y Jan Werleman ta ocupá cu nan zaagmento.

Their hours of shopwork done, a whole class at once can wash up at this big new type of washbasin. Starting on the left and reading clock-wise are Isidoro Croes, Pedro Richards, Antonio Geerman and, with his back to the camera, Alfonso Henriquez.



Ora aprendiznan caba cu nan trabao den shop, henter un klas por laba man pa-reeuw na e labamanos grandi aki. Riba e portret mas ta mira di robex pa drechi, Isidoro Croes, Alfonso Henriquez di lomba, Antonio Geerman y Pedro Richards.

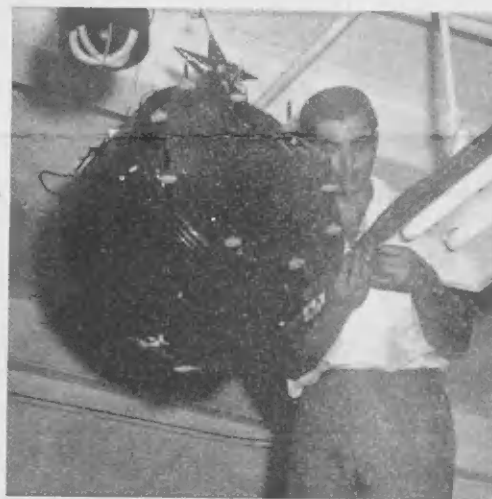
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Happy smiles (and an occasional waaaaahhh!) greeted Santa Claus when he put in his annual appearance at the Esso Club just before Christmas. With help from the Club, the old boy distributed gifts to over 500 children (and later to a number sick at home or in the Hospital). Soda pop, ice cream, and seven — no less — comedy movies made it a large afternoon for the sprouts. Who's behind the beard? Why, Santa Claus, who else? The eye and nose in the upper left corner belong to Bill Blanchard of Personnel, one of Santa's helpers.



The Lago Club staged its biggest Christmas party for children December 21, with costumes, games, and prizes added to the toys and free ice cream that made it a huge success for the youngsters. The contest prizewinners and runners-up are on stage above. The tiny nun is Rina van Vuurden, the Scotch lad is Roger Amoroso, and the Alleyne twins make a good pair of "Flit" men. Crossing the Pacific, Freddie de Vries became a Chinaman, and Karen Breusers a hula dancer. Terry Kalloo made a realistic Devil, and the pint-sized Carmen Miranda is Wanda Hassell. Adults on stage are C. R. Bishop and E. Tulloch, of the L. H. Advisory Committee, while the judges who had the difficult job of selecting the winners from so many excellent costumes were Eddy Renada, Dena Sloterdijk, and Doreen Permaul.



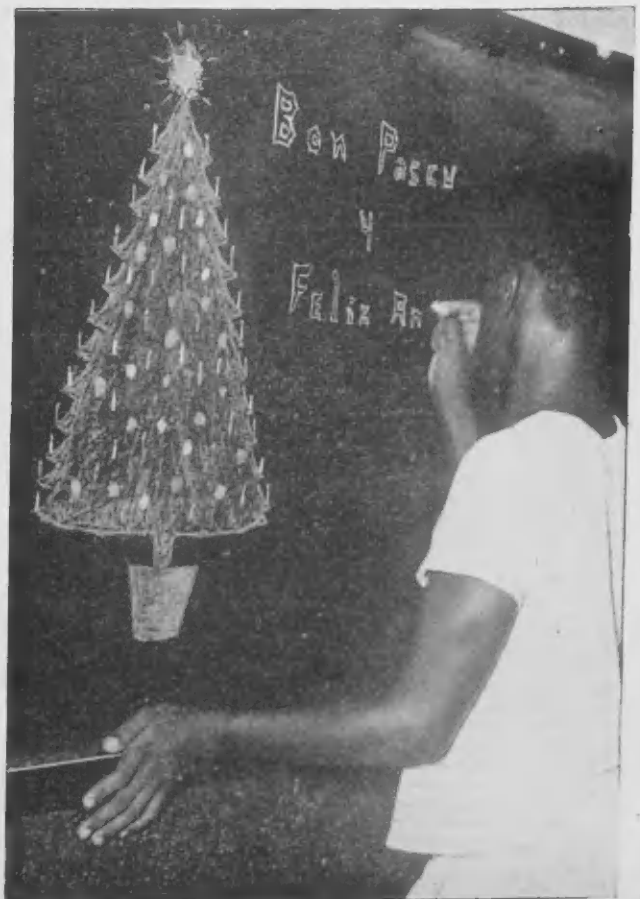
Above, a piece of cardboard, an old catalyst drum and a lot of patience and ingenuity go into the construction of two novel, attractive "Happy New Year" signs in the control house of the Cat Plant. The brightly-lighted signs, made from old odds and ends, were built by the Cat Plant crews. With one of the signs already set up, Joseph Castiho (at left), one of the men who helped make them, hangs the other from a pipe near the ceiling.



Complete from beaded moccasins to frozen faces, a couple of Indians (North American) salute their friends with the traditional Redskin "How". Underneath the foolishness it turns out to be Don Blair, former "C.Y.I." secretary here, and his portrait-artist wife, Bettina Steinke Blair. The picture, from the Blairs' Christmas card, was probably taken in New Mexico.

Not to be out-done by the big Christmas tree on the Cat Plant, the Apprentice Shops display a smaller version on their blackboards. Udo Sprott, first-year apprentice, showed some ability with colored chalks, and was chosen to decorate the boards.

Maske cu = Kerstboom riba Cat Plant ta mucho grandi, aprendiznan no ta menos orguyoso di nan Kerstboomnan chikito riba borchinan di shopnan di Aprendiz. Udo Sprott, cu ta den su prome anja di aprendiz a mustra algun abilidad cu krijt di color, y dornamento di borchinan tabata na su encargo.



"Where is Santa?", the most ambitious small-fry operetta ever attempted at the Lago Community School, was an unqualified success, playing to three full houses. The cast is shown below, all except for three small boys, Regie Turner, Gary Evans, and Andy Smith, who disappeared like a shot after the final curtain. Elizabeth Barclay directed the tuneful production, and Marian Duncan was in charge of the costumes and setting.



Two events marked the opening of the Christmas season December 19: the great Cat Plant became a Christmas tree, and Lago was host at the annual Christmas party for Government employees. Entertainment and refreshments were in abundance at the party, pictured on this page. At right, Master of Ceremonies R. Turfboer determines the winner of the "most autograph's contest". At right below, J. F. X. Auer and his Dining Hall staff serve sandwiches by the hundreds. Below in the left picture, L. H. Forte of the Executive Office clerical staff entertains with a special Calypso song about the party, while the other picture shows L. de Hoop of Public Works successfully putting the Calypso style into Dutch. E. Leonor at the piano and L. Leenheer with the accordion also added to the entertainment. Other pictures show a group of Inca men (lower left corner), Postoffice employees (lower right corner), and Police (second from bottom at the left). The committee in charge of arrangements included P. A. Hunt, E. G. Armstrong, W. J. Booi, G. B. Brook, A. L. Eves, G. P. Hemstreet, and J. Wervers.

Dia 19 di December dos evento a habri tempo di Pascu pa Lago: Cat Plant a keda ilumina pa duna efecto di un kerstboom y Lago a duna su fiesta anual di Pascu pa empleadonan di Gobierno. E fiesta tabata un berdadero exito y e portretnan mes ta muestra cuanto animacion tabatin. Na banda drechi, maestro di ceremonia, R. Turfboer ta determina ken a colecta mas autografo. Na banda drechi, abao, empleadonan di Dining Hall ta sirbi sandwich na cantidad. Aki bao banda robes, L. H. Forte di Executive office ta entretene invitadonan cu un calypso, mientras cu riba e otro portret L. de Hoop di Openbare Werken ta canta calypso, ma na Holandes. Na piano E. Leonor y L. Linscheer cu su accordion a trece hopi animacion. Otro portretnan ta muestra empleadonan di Inca, di postkantoor y polies.



Keynote of the annual Christmas party at the Marine Club was the answer made by H. Hessling, Government Secretary, to General Manager J. J. Horigan's speech of welcome. Mr. Hessling remarked that he was especially appreciative of the spirit of good will behind the party. "And this spirit, I am glad to say, prevails not only during the Christmas season but throughout the year", Mr. Hessling continued. He spoke of the mutual feeling of respect and friendliness, and characterized Aruba as "that small island that stands like a rock in the middle of a restless and shaken world."



Practices Old Art

Juan Maduro is Lago's Glass Blower

Although the art of glass blowing is centuries old, Juan Maduro, Lago's glass blower, uses practically the same tools and blowing techniques as the ancient craftsmen used hundreds of years ago. Although improved methods have made possible the construction of far more complicated pieces than was possible in early times, the basic glass blowing tools and techniques have remained practically unchanged.

However, with it now possible to buy so many pieces that formerly had to be especially made, the modern glass blower is more and more called upon to produce special apparatus for special purposes. For Juan, that often includes the construction of certain pieces according to special specifications, objects which are intended for specific laboratory tests.

The miniature stills which he makes, for instance, make it possible for the research chemist to observe the action of various chemical agents under different temperature and pressure conditions. The laboratory experiments conducted with such small stills are of invaluable assistance in helping to determine how the refinery's huge stills should be operated.

In the glass blowing operation the glass is heated until it becomes soft enough to be worked into the desired shape. Then it's allowed to cool until it will hold its shape and rigidity. After the actual work involved in making the piece is completed, the glass passes through a gradual succession of lower temperatures until it has been allowed to cool slowly. If the glass were removed from the intense heat in which it had been worked without going through this "cooling off" period, it would break.

In addition to this gradual cooling, glass requires a gradual heating as well. This is especially true when the piece being heated has complex joints, for too rapid heating of the object will cause the joints to break. And, when being heated, the glass must be rotated slowly in the flame so that all sides will receive an equal amount of heat. Several dozen different sizes of glass tubing are used by the modern glass blower.

In his work Juan uses two burners which operate on oxygen and gas. The small burner furnishes heat up to 1600° Centigrade, while the larger one has a maximum temperature of from 1200° to 1400° Centigrade. The flame of each can be adjusted so as to give a practically unlimited number of different temperatures.

Although the main tools of the glass blower are his hands and the fire he uses to heat the glass, shaping tools are also used to shape the pieces. The shaping ends of these tools are made of graphite.

To break a piece of small glass tubing, the glass blower scratches the point at which he wants the break with a file and then breaks the piece apart with his hands. Larger pieces of glass are broken by a hot steel wire mounted on a motor shaft; the hot wire cuts through the glass, separating it into two parts.

Pyrex glass is commonly used by the glass blower because it expands less than other glass, thus being more resistant to breaking from extreme heat. Pyrex has a softening point of 820° Centigrade and can safely be used in repeated heating operations up to 600° Centigrade.

Much of Juan's work is spent in repairing glass objects which have been broken, and his skill in repairing the parts of various broken pieces has saved many expensive objects which otherwise would be useless.

After finishing his work on a piece, Juan must make certain that it can be safely handled, smoothing down all the edges so as to leave no sharp, cutting edges.

He has been with the company nearly seven years. Four years ago he was chosen by Joe Rosettie, former expert glass blower here, as the best prospect to learn the difficult craft of glass blowing. Juan has proved that the choice was a good one, for the many hours he has spent in perfecting his skill and technique have been of definite value to labo-

ratory operations.

To develop his skill even further, Juan plans to spend his next long vacation in New York, where he intends to study the glass blowing methods and tools which are used in the States.



Juan Maduro ta Traha cu Glas

Aunque e arte di supla glas ta cos di siglonan bieuw caba, Juan Maduro, suplador di glass di Lago ta usa casi e mesun instrumentonan y método pa supla glas cu e artistanan antiguo a usa cien anjanan pasá. Pasobra aunque metodonan mihor a haci cu ta posibel pa traha piezanan mucho mihor cu tabata por antes, instrumentonan básico y tecnicamente suplamento di glas a keda mescos.

Sin embargo awor cu por cumpra tanto piezanan cu anteriormente mester a worde trahá especialmente, suplador di glas di awendia ta ocupá cu trahamento di aparatonan especial pa doelnan especial. Pa Juan hopi bez esey ta inclui construcción di cierto piezanan segun especificacionnan especial, obhetonan pa testnan específicá di laboratorio.

E miniatura di still cu e ta traha, por ehempel, ta haci posibel pa un químico observa accion di varios material químico bao diferente condicionnan di temperatura y presion. Experimentonan haci cu stillnan chikito asina ta di gran yudanza pa determiná com mester traha cu stillnan grandi di refinaria.

Cu suplamento di glas promé mester kenta e glas te ora cu e bira basta moli pa por formé segun deseo. E ora ta lagué fria te ora cu e ta mantene su forma y firmeza. Ora cu e trabao di forma e pieza ta completá, e glas ta pasa pa diferente temperaturanan cu ta baha gradualmente. Si saka e glas for di e calor intenso den cual e ta worde formá sin lagué pasa e periodo di "friamento gradualmente" e ta kibra.

Ademas di friamento gradualmente, e glas mester di kentamento gradualmente tambe. Especialmente den caso di un pieza cu tin varios hunturas, pasobra si keinta e obheto rápidamente e hunturanan lo kibra.

Pa su trabao Juan tin dos stoof cu ta



Above, Juan Maduro, Lago's glass blower, cools off a finished piece of apparatus in a flame less intense than the one he used while working with the glass. Having been in such terrific heat, the glass cannot be removed until it has been allowed to cool slowly. If removed from the hot flame without passing through a gradual succession of lower temperatures, the glass will break.

Left, Maduro stands beside a glass still he made. In such miniature stills as this, countless experiments are made which help determine how the refinery's huge stills should be operated.

Below, Maduro heats a piece of glass tubing in the intense heat of the smaller of the two burners he uses. Although its flame will not flare up like that of the larger burner, the small burner furnishes a hotter, more concentrated flame, getting up to 1600° Centigrade.



traha cu oxígeno y gas. Esun chikito ta keinta te na 1600 centigrado, mientras cu esun grandi ta alcanzá un temperatura máxima di 1200 a 1400 centigrado. Vlam di tur dos por worde ahustá pa duna un cantidad sin límite di diferente temperatura.

Aunque instrumentonan principal di un suplador di glas ta su mannan y e candela pa e keinta e glas, tin otro instrumentonan tambe pa caba di forma e glas. E instrumentonan ey tin punta di grafiet.

Pa kibra un tubo chikito di glas, e suplador di glas ta raspa e lugar caminda e ke kibré cu un veilu y e ta kibré cu su man. Cosnan mas grandi ta worde cortá cu un waya di stal cu ta traha cu motor; e waya cayente ta corta e glas na dos.

Glas pyrex ta worde usá corrientemente pa un suplador, pasobra e ta hancha menos cu otro sortonan y e por resistí calor mihor, te na casi 600 centigrado.

Un parti grandi di Juan su trabao ta drechamento di cosnan di glas cu a kibra y esaki a salba hopi obhetonan caro di bai pendí.

Despues cu Juan caba di traha cu un pida glas y e ta percurá di hacié liso pa e no corta man di e hende cu mester traha cuné despues.

E tin casi siete anja cu compania. Cuater anja casá Joe Rosettie, experto den suplamento di glas cu tabata empleado di Lago, a bisa cu Juan tabatin disposicion pa sinja e trabao difisit di suplamento di glas. Juan a proba cu Rosettie

tabatin razon, pasobra su trabao actual ta di balor definitivo pa laboratorio.

Pa perfeccioná su mes ainda mas, Juan tin idea di pasa su próximo vacante na New York, unda lo e studia instrumentonan y metodonan di suplamento di glas cu nan tin na Merca.

SCHEDULE OF PAYDAYS

Semi-Monthly Payroll
January 1—15 Friday, January 23
January 16—31 Monday, February 9
Monthly Payrolls
January 1—31 Tuesday, February 10

Si bo ke duna bo mes y bo famia mas proteccion contra tur accidente haci y cumpli cu e resolucioannan pa Anja Nobo:

Lo mi ta un trahador y un sturdo cuidadoso.

Lo mi tene mi cas liber di tur peligro di accidente y lo mi sinja mi famia di haci tur cos cu seguridad.

Lo mi yuda trabao di Seguridad di e lugar caminda mi ta biba.

Cumpliendo cuné lo resultá bon pa bo mes Lubidá riba dje y lo duel bo despues.

32 E. A. C. Representatives Named in Final Elections

Thirty-two representatives to the Employees' Advisory Committee were elected in the final elections held on December 17, 18, and 19. Of this number, 18 were newly-elected.

More than 80 % of all eligible voters took part in the election, with 98 % of them casting valid ballots.

The Election Committee which arranged the details of the election, and the department of each, is as follows: B. K. Chand (chairman), Storehouse; J. H. Nunes, Powerhouse No. 2; J. De Vries, Gas Plant; H. E. Van Vliet, Light Oils; R. B. Jallal, Electrical; A. A. Kallou, T.S.D. Process Division; and A. F. A. Obispo, M. & C. Boilershop.

The elected representatives:

- District 1**
Yard (Cleanout, Stevedores, Riggers, Asphalt Mixers, Concrete Mixers)
Carlos Hernandez, Yard Re-Elected
Glynn Williams, Cleanout Newly-Elected
- District 2**
Pipe, Pipe Shop
C. Abraham, Pipe Re-Elected
Juan Maduro, Pipe Newly-Elected
- District 3**
Carpenter, Paint, Masons, Insulators
R. Robles, Carpenter Re-Elected
L. B. Olive, Carpenter Newly-Elected
- District 4**
Dining Halls
Sydney Greene, Dining Hall Newly-Elected
- District 5**
Boiler, Tin, Blacksmith, Welding, Lead Burners
A. F. A. Obispo, Boiler Re-Elected
- District 6**
Electrical — Utilities Administration
R. Todd, Electrical Newly-Elected
- District 7**
Machinists (Machine Shop — Foundry — C.T.R.) — M. & C. Administration
Bertie Viapree, Machinist Re-Elected
R. E. A. Martin, M. & C. Administration Newly-Elected
- District 8**
Storehouse — Salvage Yard
B. K. Chand, Storehouse Re-Elected
- District 9**
Colony Service Operations — Office, Administration, Hydroponics — Colony Maintenance — Colony Commissary
M. E. Inniss, Colony Service Operations Newly-Elected
E. Louison, Colony Maintenance Newly-Elected

- District 10**
Plant and Wholesale Commissaries, Cold Storage Laundry
D. N. Solomon, Commissary Re-Elected
- District 11**
Utilities, Powerhouse & Fire Department
J. H. Nunes, No. 2 Powerhouse Re-Elected
- District 12**
Cracking Department
D. Vlaun, Cracking Re-Elected
- District 13**
Gas Poly — Catalytic
J. De Vries, Gas Plant Re-Elected
- District 14**
Light Oils Finishing
H. E. van Vliet, L.O.F. Re-Elected
J. Dirks, L.O.F. Newly-Elected
- District 15**
Acid & Edeleanu
N. Baptiste, Acid Plant Newly-Elected
- District 16**
Technical Service Department (All Divisions)
H. M. Nassy, No. 3 Laboratory Newly-Elected
- District 17**
Marine Office — Launches & Barges
J. Daniel, Marine Office Newly-Elected
- District 18**
Ship Repair Yard
A. H. Rasul, Ship Repair Yard Re-Elected
N. Taylor, Ship Repair Yard Newly-Elected
- District 19**
Lago Police Department
Reily Jack, Lago Police Department Re-Elected
- District 20**
Accounting — Executive — Personnel
B. T. Douglas, Personnel Training Re-Elected
- District 21**
Medical — Stewards — Clubs — School
J. De Freitas, Medical Newly-Elected
A. Dennie, Stewards Newly-Elected
- District 22**
Instrument
G. V. Roos, Instrument Newly-Elected
- District 23**
Garage — Transportation
L. H. Greaves, Garage Newly-Elected
- District 24**
Receiving & Shipping — Marine Wharves
W. W. Lejuez, Receiving & Shipping Newly-Elected

Esso - News

Purchase of eleven tankers from the U. S. Maritime Commission was confirmed in a recent announcement by Standard Oil Company (New Jersey). Assignment of the ships to the Esso fleet will be of material help to the company in its efforts to meet the unprecedented demand for petroleum products.

All vessels are the U. S. Maritime Commission T2 type, 138,000 barrels capacity, with turbo-electric propulsion, and all will be re-named for cities in the Esso marketing area, from Shreveport to Worcester.

The Colonial Beacon Oil Company recently announced that its assets and business were being transferred to the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. The transfer will in no way affect the products marketed, nor customer relations in the territory formerly served by Colonial Beacon in New York state and New England. Products will continue to be sold under the Esso brand.

In a letter to employees advising them of the change, the Company advised them that they would continue to enjoy all the plans and benefits they had had in the past. Names of products, as well as their quality, will remain unchanged.

While all records for customer demand for liquid fuels were broken in 1947, the estimated 1948 demand will be even higher — 16 per cent above the peak year and 42 per cent above 1941, Howard W. Page, executive assistant to Jersey President Eugene Holman, recently declared.

All branches of the industry are operating at the highest rates ever achieved, he said, delivering 250 million gallons of oil products to the American public daily or 3,000 gallons every second.

The American oil industry is in the midst of the largest expansion program ever contemplated, Mr. Page noted, pointing out that four billion dollars would be spent during 1947 and 1948 to push exploration, drill wells, lay pipelines and build new refineries.

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he is given projects which are designed on the basis of their practical use and utility.

One of the things most emphasized in the course is safety, with considerable time being devoted to teaching the safety features of each job.

In addition to the actual shop work, the apprentices are taken on 16 field trips to various locations in the refinery. These trips are designed mainly to give them some idea of what their jobs might be by actually watching employees perform these jobs. At the same time the trips serve to acquaint them with the refinery in general.

At the end of the first year the apprentice will have acquired some working knowledge of four crafts. Working from the beginning under experienced practical craftsmen, he will have become acquainted not only with the various tools of each trade, but also with the correct and safe methods of using them. By the end of the year both he and his instructors will have a better idea of where his particular skill lies. So, as a result of these four exploratory courses, the apprentice will be able to choose the trade in which he may use that skill to the greatest degree.

And, even if he doesn't enter one of the four crafts, he has still acquired invaluable training and experience which will be of great benefit in his everyday life. He will possess a basic knowledge of electricity, carpentry, sheet metal and machine work, knowledge which will prove of some value to him if he uses it only in doing minor repairs about his home.

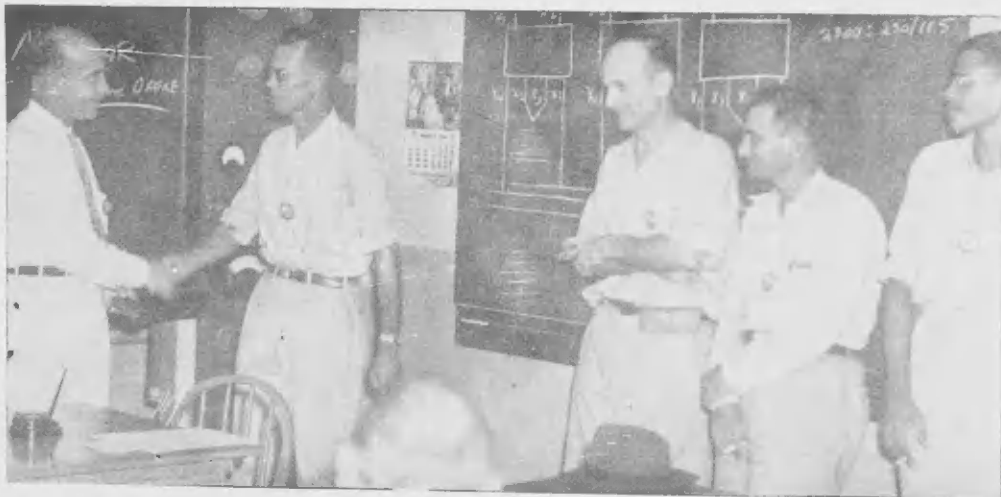
At the end of the apprentices' shop training, it is planned to exhibit outstanding pieces of work at this year's apprentice graduation exercises.

CORRECTION

The ARUBA ESSO NEWS extends apologies to Francisco Larez of the SS "Hooiberg", who last month received the first 20-year service button to be earned by a crew-member in the Lake Fleet. Unfortunately, Mr. Larez's last name was incorrectly given as "Lopez".

ERRATA

El ARUBA ESSO NEWS ofrece sus excusas a Francisco Larez del "Hooiberg", quien en el mes pasado recibió una insignia de 20 años de servicio en la Flota. Desafortunadamente el nombre del Sr. Larez apareció incorrectamente como Lopez en el número anterior.



When he left Lago last month, after having been with the Company since January 2, 1928, J. V. Beajon received a handsome gift from his fellow-workers in the Electrical Department. W. L. Ewart is shown making the presentation. Mr. Beajon, whose total company service was spent in the Electrical Department, has joined "Electra", an electrical company in Oranjestad.



Reynold Jack, of Hydroponics, was married to Lauretta Isabella Dublin at the Anglican Church in San Nicolas on December 13. Colony Manager J. J. Abadie is shown presenting him with a gift from his fellow-employees.

On behalf of the employees of T.S.D., Al Clarke presents a gift to Rechad B. Rohoman, T.S.D. employee who was married to Lillian Parisius on December 12. Following the wedding, a reception was held at the home of the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Aki Luckoo, in Essoville.

To commemorate her marriage on January 10 to Cecil Barran, of Laboratory No. 2, Maria Gibbs received a gift from her fellow-workers in the Instrument Department. W. E. Mills makes the presentation.



